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In re National Phase PCT Application of

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Material Flux Of Continuous Cast Slabs

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 3, defete "Description" and insert -- BACKGROUND OF THE

INVENTION

Field of the Invention--;

After line 8, starting its own line add